CBI inquiry into Immigration Racket

277. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has been asked to investigate the case that could expose immigration racket allegedly involving official of U.K. High Commission and operatives of an Indian Intelligence Agency;

(b) whether it is also a fact that U.K. Home Office has supplied clues to the Ministry of External Affairs;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to ensure fair CBI probe?

(d) the present stage of the investigation process; and

(e) by when the matter is likely to be finally settled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) to (e) The information provided by U.K. authorities has been handed over to CBI to conduct an investigation into the matter.

American help tc bring Dawood Ibrahim back

278. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the long awaited U.S. announcement that Dawood Ibrahim *alias* Sheikh Dawood Hassan is a specifically desginated global terrorist with a Pak-Passport and a Karachi address;

(b) whether it is not only nails Pakistan's lie denying Dawood's presence in Pakistan also underscores the fact that the U.S. knows that Dawood is based in Pakistan;

(c) whether the U.S. has, in response to India's request put any pressure on Pakistan to depart Dawood, one of the 20 most wanted by India, to India; and

(d) the Pak Government's response thereto?